

**DEEPHAVEN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009
MINUTES**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Paul Skrede called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Skrede, Councilmembers Steve Adams, Keith Kask, Kim Crockett and John Wheaton

STAFF: City Administrator Dana Young

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss Committee Assignments

Discussion was held on the possibility of establishing a more flexible and fluid approach to assigning the Council to specific committees.

Mayor Skrede suggested that this might provide the Council with the opportunity to go in a different direction than the usual committee assignments. He noted that while there are a couple of committees that need direction from the City Council, a possible solution would be to have committees give periodic updates to the City Council instead of having a Council liaison position. He added that the Council might also want to address the ordinance that established the frequency that each committee holds meetings. He stated that a more flexible meeting schedule would not only make it easier on each committee member but it would also encourage more volunteers to join the committees.

Councilmember Wheaton stated that he would be favorable to a more flexible approach to committee assignments.

Mayor Skrede stated that he would also like to have the goals of the committees more closely aligned with the goals of the Council.

Councilmember Kask stated that he has always viewed committees as a way to cultivate the next generation of leaders within the City. He stated that he has been frustrated by the lack of volunteers willing to serve on committees.

Councilmember Wheaton noted that committee members often feel frustrated when they feel that their opinions don't matter. He stated that the loss of the Council liaison would also be felt by those committees that love to get immediate feedback from their Council liaison, but that appearing before the Council periodically would provide them an opportunity to hear from the entire Council

The Council reviewed and agreed with the list of Council appointments for 2009.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Wheaton. Seconded by Councilmember Crockett. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana H. Young
City Administrator